

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 404**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Christine P. Barber***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to ensure parity for all child care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 404) of Christine P. Barber and others that the Department of Early Education and Care reimburse family child care providers and center-based providers at the same rate. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to ensure parity for all child care providers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 15D of the General Laws as appearing in the 2017 Official Edition is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following:

3 Section 19. Parity for all child care providers

4 No later than January 1st, 2022, the department of early education and care shall  
5 reimburse family child care providers and center-based providers at the same rate. To meet this  
6 requirement, the department shall not lower the reimbursement rate provided to center-based  
7 providers and shall instead create parity by increasing the reimbursement rate of family child  
8 care providers.